

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 32 are canceled.

33. (New) A method for using a belt drive system that includes first and second pulleys and a belt reeved over the first and second pulleys, where the method comprises:

locating a pivot point with reference to a centerline between the first pulley and the second pulley and a theoretical intersection of the belt strands such that application of torque to the first pulley in a first direction proportionally elevates average belt tension, while application of torque to the first pulley in the opposite direction proportionally decreases average belt tension.

loading the first pulley away from the second pulley in a pivoting fashion about the pivot point.

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